



# City of Tukwila

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## 2015 ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN FILING INFORMATION

Following is an overview of information for candidates interested in running for local election in Tukwila this year. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact King County Elections at (206) 296-1565 or email to [election.operations@kingcounty.gov](mailto:election.operations@kingcounty.gov). Election information may also be found on King County's website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx>.

Candidates must be registered voters in the jurisdiction they want to represent. Candidates in a Code City, such as Tukwila, must have lived within the Code City for one year before the date of the election (RCW 35A.12.030). The election officer with whom declarations are filed shall review each declaration for compliance with the law (RCW Chapter 29A.24).

Candidates wishing to file for an elected office must obtain a *Declaration of Candidacy* form from King County Elections at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx>. *Declaration of Candidacy* forms will be available online approximately 30 days prior to the candidate filing period.

Deadline to file for office is shown in the box to the right. The courts have upheld that mail misdirected by error is not a valid excuse for late filing.

All candidates filing a *Declaration of Candidacy* form must pay the applicable filing fee at the time of filing. The filing fee for City of Tukwila **Council Positions** 2, 4, and 6 is **\$126.00**, which is equal to 1% of the current annual salary. The filing fee for the position of **Mayor** is **\$1,013.40**, which is equal to 1% of the current annual salary.

**Filing fees are not refundable.** If a candidate withdraws and re-files for a different position, a second filing fee must be paid for the new position.

**NOTE:** According to the Washington State disclosure law, *you become a candidate when you: raise and spend money for your campaign, reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy, authorize someone else to do any of these activities for you, state publicly that you're seeking office or file a Declaration of Candidacy, whichever happens first.*

All candidates are required to file the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) Personal Financial Affairs Statement (Form F-1) and a Campaign Registration (Form C-1) within 2 weeks of the date of becoming a candidate. Please visit the PDC website at <http://www.pdc.wa.gov> for additional information.

For the full documentation regarding elections, please refer to the King County Elections website at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx> or contact King County Elections at (206) 296-1565 or via email to [election.operations@kingcounty.gov](mailto:election.operations@kingcounty.gov).



### Candidate filing deadlines

#### Mail

April 27 - May 15, 4:30 p.m., regardless of postmark

#### In-person

May 11, 8:30 a.m. - May 15, 4:30 p.m.

#### Online

May 11, 9 a.m. - May 15, 4:30 p.m.



### Deadline to Withdraw Candidacy

May 18, 2014, at 4:30 p.m.

# **City of Tukwila**

## **Positions/Incumbents for 2015 Election**

Mayor	Jim Haggerton
Position #2	Kathy Hougardy
Position #4	Dennis Robertson
Position #6	Kate Kruller

### **ADDITIONAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION**

1. Election dates are as follows:

Primary Election	August 4, 2015
General Election	November 3, 2015

2. Political campaign signs displayed in the City of Tukwila are regulated by Tukwila Municipal Code (TMC) Section 19.24.090 as follows:

A. Political campaign signs do not require sign permits.

B. Candidate signs may only be installed for candidates who either have publicly declared their intent to run for office or have filed with King County to seek office.

C. Initiative signage may be displayed for any initiative in which there is an ongoing drive to collect signatures to place the initiative on a ballot or if the initiative has been filed with the Washington Secretary of State's Office or County Auditor's Office. All signs must be removed within 14 days following the election.

D. All political campaign signage shall be removed within 14 days following the general election. If a run-off election for a candidate or initiative is required, the signs may remain until 14 days following the run-off election.

E. Campaign signs may be placed in the landscaped area or parking strip of a property in which the adjacent property owner controls and maintains the area. No political campaign sign shall be erected on private property without the permission of the property owner or his/her agent.

F. Campaign signs are in addition to any sign permitted under TMC Section 19.24.030, "Temporary Signs in Residential Areas."

G. Campaign signs may not be located on real property owned and/or controlled by the City of Tukwila.

H. Campaign signs may not be located within street medians or in right-of-way areas not maintained by an adjacent property owner.

3. City employees are prohibited from campaigning for candidates or issues during working hours, while in any City vehicles, when in a uniform that identifies them as a City employee, or by using City facilities, equipment or supplies. (TMC Chapter 2.94)

# **Tukwila City Council**

## **Information / Duties / Responsibilities**

<b><i>Term of Office</i></b>	January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2019
<b><i>Positions Open</i></b>	City Council Positions #2, #4, and #6, which are full-term positions (4 years).
<b><i>Salary</i></b>	\$1,250 per month (2016), plus some benefits.
<b><i>General Purpose</i></b>	City Councilmembers represent citizens of Tukwila in making decisions about City policies and budgets, and represent Tukwila in various outside intergovernmental meetings.
<b><i>Requirements</i></b>	The candidate must be a registered voter and must have lived in Tukwila (or area since annexed to Tukwila) for 1 year.
<b><i>Hours Involved</i></b>	Formal City Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month. Committee of the Whole meetings (work sessions) are held the second and fourth Mondays. The length of these meetings, which begin at 7:00 PM, varies from 1 to 4 hours. In addition, the Councilmember will serve on 2 three-member Council committees. Each committee meets once every two weeks, at approximately 5:15 PM, and meetings vary in length from 15 minutes to over 2 hours. One weekend retreat is held early in the year, and other special meetings may be scheduled. <b><i>The City Councilmembers also serve as Commissioners for the Metropolitan Park District (MPD) for the Tukwila Pool.</i></b>
<b><i>Duties of the City Council</i></b>	<p>The City Council has the power to tax; borrow money; set policies; operate and supply utilities and municipal services; set employee compensation; acquire, improve, maintain, beautify or vacate public property; and render local social, cultural or recreational services as they see fit.</p> <p>Council duties in Tukwila include reviewing, studying, discussing and deciding on issues with varying amounts of detail. Background materials for committee and Council issues are provided. Listening to community representatives involves meetings, personal contact and some home phone calls.</p> <p>Tukwila elected officials are bound by Tukwila Municipal Code Chapter 2.97, Code of Ethics for Elected Officials.</p>
<b><i>Selection Process</i></b>	Three Council positions are open for election this year. Persons who are interested in running for office must file with King County Elections.